



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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#### DOVE, RAIL AND GALLINULE SEASONS SET FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The 1961 hunting dates in the Virgin Islands on doves, rails (except coots) and gallinules were announced today by the Department of the Interior. The seasons were recommended by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife after consultation with officials of the Islands.

Dove season, for all species occurring on the Islands, begins July 15 and continues through September 30. The daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit is 20, singly or in the aggregate of all species. There is no open season on white crowned pigeons.

The season for rails (except coots) and gallinules will open December 15, 1961, and close February 12, 1962. The daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit 20, singly or in the aggregate of all species.

Hunting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

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